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Russian Customs Limits Ports of Entry for Meat 2007

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Report Highlights:

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Summary

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The original text of the implementing decree can be seen on the website of the official Russian government newspaper, Rossiyskaya gazeta, at <http://rg.ru/2007/11/17/fts-deklarirovanie-dok.html>. An informal translation of the decree and its attached list of ports of entry follows.

Text of the Decree

BEGIN TEXT:

Order of the Federal Customs Service of 17 October 2007 No. 1283, Moscow, "On points of declaration of certain types of commodities"

Published 17 November 2007.

Registered in the Ministry of Justice of the RF 7 November 2007.

Registration No. 10433

With the intent of providing effective control of enforcement of customs legislation of the Russian Federation and bringing order to the points of declaration of certain types of commodities, on the basis of subparagraph 3 of paragraph 2 of Article 125 and paragraph 2 of Article 101 of the Customs Code of the Russian Federation (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2003, No. 22, p. 2066, No. 52 (part 1), p. 5038; 2004, No. 27, p. 2711, No. 34, Art. 3533, No. 46 (part 1), p. 4494; 2005, No. 30 (part 1), p. 3101; 2006, No. 1, p. 15, No. 3, p. 280, No. 8, p. 54, No. 52 (part 2), p. 5504; 2007, No. 1 (part 1), p. 29, No. 24, p. 2831, No. 27, p. 3213, No. 31, p. 4011) I order:

1. To define points for declaration of commodities classified in commodity group 02 in accordance with the tariff nomenclature for foreign economic activity of Russia, imported into the customs territory of the Russian Federation and situated under the customs regime of release for domestic consumption (hereinafter – commodities), customs authorities and their structural subdivisions indicated in the attachment to this order.

2. To permit temporary storage of commodities exclusively in warehouses of temporary storage equipped with refrigeration (freezing) equipment in observance of mandatory requirements established in accordance with Russian Federation legislation on technical regulation.

3. Not to apply with respect to commodities the provisions of Point 2 of Russian State Customs Committee Order of 30 March 2004 No. 395 "On confirmation of an Instruction for improving customs operations during declaration of commodities in electronic form" (registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia 22 April 2004, registration No. 5767) in the redaction of Russian Federal Customs Service orders of 5 September 2006 No. 840 "On introduction of amendments to State Customs Service order of 30 March 2004 No. 395" (registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia 15 September 2006, reg. No. 8314), of 29 November 2006 No. 1243 "On introduction of amendments to Russian State Customs Committee order of 30 March 2004 No. 395" (registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia 10 January 2007, reg. No. 8725), of 24 August 2006 No. 800 "On points of declaration of

certain types of commodities" (registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia 14 September 2006, reg. No. 8252).

4. Not to apply provisions of this order with respect to:

- commodities imported for diplomatic, consular and other official representations of foreign states in the Russian Federation;
- commodities intended for disaster prevention and relief and other emergencies, including commodities intended for free-of-charge distribution to individuals suffering as a result of emergencies, and commodities necessary for conduct of emergency and rescue operations and other urgent work and sustenance of emergency and rescue units;
- commodities imported as humanitarian assistance (aid);
- commodities crossing customs borders between military units of the Russian Federation located on the customs territory of the Russian Federation and outside the borders of this territory;
- commodities imported by individuals and intended for personal, family, household and other needs not connected to entrepreneurial activity.

5. To repeal Russian State Customs committee orders of 19 September 2003 No. 1052 "On points of declaration of certain types of commodities" (registered by the Ministry of Justice 06 October 2003, reg. No. 5153), of 23 December 2003 No. 1503 "On introduction of additions to Russian State Customs committee order of 19 September 2003 No. 1052" (registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia 15 January 2004, reg. No. 5411) and Russian Federal Customs Service order of 19 September 2003 No. 1052 "On points of declaration of certain types of commodities" (registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia 28 December 2006, No. 8686).

6. Main Administration for Information Technology (A.Ye. Shashayev), State Scientific-Research Computing Center of the Federal Customs Service of Russia (O.P. Puchkov) to provide from the moment this order goes into effect necessary programming support.

7. To assign responsibility for implementation of this order to Russian Federal Customs Service Deputy Head L.I. Shornikov.

This order goes into effect on expiry of 90 from its date of official publication.

Head

Actual State Counsellor of the Russian Federation Customs Service

A. Belyaninov
END TEXT.

The Attachment

Attached to this order is a document entitled "List of Customs Authorities and Their Structural Subdivisions for Declaration of Commodities Classified in Commodity Position 02 in Accordance with the Tariff Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of Russia." This list includes the following border crossing points:

1. Customs Points Directly Subordinate to the Russian Federal Customs Service:

- 1.1 Domodedovo Airport
- 1.2 Sheremetyevo Airport (cargo)
- 1.3 Sheremetyevo Airport (cargo) for diplomatic clearance

2. Central District Customs Administration

- 2.1 Karachay post, Bryansk Customs
- 2.2 Provoberezhnyy post, Voronezh Customs
- 2.3 Balashikha post, Shchelkovsk Customs
- 2.4 Gagarin post, Smolensk Customs
- 2.5 Zadneprovskiy post (special), Smolensk Customs
- 2.6 Tula post, Tula Customs
- 2.7 Altuf'yevo post, Moscow East Customs
- 2.8 Bogorodskiy post, Moscow East Customs
- 2.9 Vidnoye post, Moscow West Customs
- 2.10 West post, Moscow West Customs
- 2.11 Ryabinovo post, Moscow West Customs
- 2.12 Izhora post, Moscow North Customs
- 2.13 Troitse-Lykovo post, Moscow North Customs
- 2.14 Pechatnikov post, Moscow South Customs
- 2.15 Kashira post, Moscow South Customs
- 2.16 Ryazan post, Moscow South Customs
- 2.17 OTO and TK No. 2 Yesipovo post, Zelenograd Customs
- 2.18 Mozhaysk post, Zelenograd Customs
- 2.19 Zhukovskoye post, Noginsk Customs
- 2.20 OTO and TK Elektrostal post, Noginsk Customs
- 2.21 Mikhnevo post, Podolsk Customs
- 2.22 Naro-Fominsk post, Podolsk Customs
- 2.23 Novo-Syrovsk post, Podolsk Customs
- 2.24 Podolsk post, Podolsk Customs

3. Northwest District Customs Administration

- 3.1 Kaliningrad post, Kaliningrad Customs
- 3.2 Moscow post, Kaliningrad Customs
- 3.3 OTO and TK No. 4 Pskov post, Pskov Customs
- 3.4 Northern post, St. Petersburg Customs
- 3.5 Southern post, St. Petersburg Customs
- 3.6 Shusharsk post, St. Petersburg Customs
- 3.7 MAPP Bagrationovsk post, Bagrationovsk Customs
- 3.8 Zaprudnyy post, Velikiy Luk Customs
- 3.9 Pulkovo post, Pulkovo Customs

4. Southern District Customs Administration

- 4.1 Krasnodar post, Krasnodar Customs

5. Volga District Customs Administration

- 5.1 Sormov post, Nizhniy Novgorod Customs
- 5.2 Moscow post, Nizhniy Novgorod Customs

6. Siberian District Customs Administration

- 6.1 Ulan-Ude post, Buryat Customs
- 6.2 Kyzyl post, Tuva Customs

7. Far East District Customs Administration

- 7.1 Khabarovsk post, Khabarovsk Customs
- 7.2 Port of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, Kamchatka Customs
- 7.3 Anadyr post, Chukotka Customs

Comments

Exclusion of important Russian Far East ports like Vladivostok and Magadan from the list of ports approved for handling meat imports has taken by surprise even local Russian Customs officials in those areas, as well as local governors. Officials in the Russian Far East are reportedly appealing this order to their superiors in Moscow. It is doubly surprising given recent high-level attention to rising food prices in Russia as the nation prepares for back-to-back parliamentary and presidential elections.

Limiting the Russian Far East's options for importing meat, adequate supplies of which cannot be produced locally, will have two impacts. First, it will cause yet another hike in meat prices in the Russian Far East's markets served by seaports no longer on the Russian Customs list of approved points of entry. Khabarovsk, the only authorized port of entry within reach of Vladivostok, is a small river port that cannot handle ocean-going vessels; Anadyr is landlocked, served by air, and handles cargoes intended only for the population of Chukotka; the seasonal seaport of Magadan serves exclusively the area around that city.

Second, the increased cost of importing meat due to the need for transshipment from European Russia will stimulate illegal importation of contraband meat, especially from China, fueling both corruption and danger of infectious disease.

Imports of red meat and poultry meat through Russian Far East ports from 2002 through 2006 are shown in the following table. The bulk of this trade moved through the port at Vladivostok. Thus, based on 2006 import figures, shutdown of this port of entry for meat will have a serious impact on over 200 million dollars worth of trade.

Table 1. Russian Far East: Imports of Red Meat and Poultry Meat, 2002-2006

year	Red Meat		Poultry Meat	
	metric tons	\$1,000	metric tons	\$1,000
2002	5,729	5,900	15,000	9,822
2003	3,239	3,823	17,898	8,476
2004	3,704	4,907	11,377	7,936
2005	7,728	11,307	17,134	13,902
2006	97,280	194,063	55,560	40,488

Source: Russian Federal Customs Service

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